

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

During the command processing of step T4 in this case, the initiator transfers a write request packet (issues a write request transaction) and rings the target's doorbell register, as shown at A1 in Fig. 3. When that happens, the target transfers a read request packet and returns a read response packet corresponding to the initiator, as shown at A2. This causes the fetching of the ORB (command block ORB) created by the initiator into the data ~~buffer~~ packet buffer ~~buffer~~ buffer ~~(packet buffer)~~ of the target. The target analyzes the command comprised within the thus-fetched ORB.